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Turkey FAIRS Product Specific Almonds and Walnuts 2006

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Report Highlights:

The Government of Turkey announced the new reference prices for almonds and walnuts.

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Current Status

On October 11, the Government of Turkey published in the Official Gazette further increases in the reference price on which duty is paid for almond and walnut imports. An increase on August 17 came into effect September 16. The new reference prices will be valid starting from October 26. Prices for all commodities were raised except for inshell walnuts which were decreased by \$500.

TURKEY: Import Reference Prices for Almonds and Walnuts								
H.S. Code	Descrip- tion	(\$US/Ton) Valid prices between	(\$US/Ton) Valid prices between	CIF VALUE (\$US/Ton) Prices valid from 10.25.2006				
		03.03-2005 and 09.15.2006	09.16.2006 and 10.24.2006					
	Almond inshell	2,400	2,600	3,000				
	Almond w/o shell	4,000	5000	6,500				
	Walnut inshell	750	2,300	1,800				
0802.32	Walnut w/o shell	2,750	3,200	5,400				

Background

In May 5, 2004 the Government of Turkey issued a decree on "Implementation of Import Monitoring". The purpose of the decree, as explained by the government, is to "monitor developments of specific import goods". Which goods are monitored is determined by evaluations of the Import Department of the Foreign Commerce Secretariat.

Ad valorem duties are charged on the import reference price, unless the invoice price is higher. Current duties are 43.2% for walnuts and inshell almonds, and 58.5% for processed almond.

Within the framework of this monitoring decree, the government can adjust CIF reference values in response to market conditions.

These prices are announced to be valid regardless of the country of origin. Turkey's almond and walnut import scheme for the first half of 2006 is as follows:

TURKEY: Almond and Walnut Imports January-June 2006							
Origin	Almond in shell	Almond w/o shell	Walnut in shell	Walnut w/o shell			
Total Imports	1,143	628	3,301	3,479			
From USA	1,143	589	1,169	10			